



Question: Is there a danger with emergence of www.AmericaSpeakingOut.com that we remove the fourth estate from the equation?

Pence: What we're trying to do, however imperfectly, is just create one more tool for Americans who are continuously asking: How can I be heard? It's not with regard to the media, but to official Washington, that people are not listening. So AmericaSpeakingOut.com is an effort to say let's use some state of the art technology to give people a place where they can post an idea, where other Americans can literally give it a thumb's up or a thumb's down. They can comment on what they liked about it or didn't like about it. All of which was intended to assist us in developing a governing agenda. In no sense do we view it as a means of bypassing the normal accountability of the fourth estate that has a critical role in our national life.

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